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January 14, 1986

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Illinois Attorney General's Office
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Subject: Agreement and Administrative Order by Consent
Granite City Site
RI/FS Work, Safety and QA/QC Plans

Gentlemen:

In compliance with Paragraphs 13(a), 14(a), 16 and 31(a) of the Order, NL Industries' consultant, O'Brien & Gere ("OBG"), resubmitted the subject document package to the USEPA and the Illinois EPA on October 22, 1985. Pursuant to Paragraph 15(a), the IEPA subsequently provided comments regarding all plans within the prescribed 30 day period. The USEPA's final comments were not received until December 23, 1985. As Paragraph 15(a) appears to delegate to the USEPA the responsibility for notifying NL of the agencies' approval, the 30 day time period for NL's review of this set of comments that is provided by Paragraph 16 did not start until receipt of all USEPA comments.

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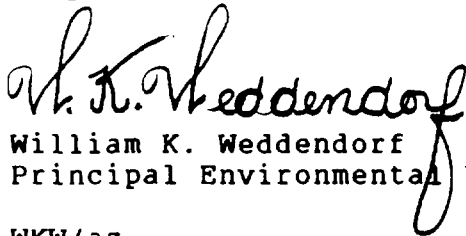
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As the USEPA has utilized a period of over 60 days to prepare voluminous comments on the submittal and interpretations of the Order, in order to allow NL and OBG corresponding time to give these comments proper attention, NL hereby informs the agencies that our response to the comments will require more than the 30 days provided by Paragraph 16 of the Order. As discussed with Mr. Bradley, we will exert our best efforts to submit our response to the agencies by January 31, 1986.

Pursuant to paragraph 31(a) of the Order, the agencies are hereby informed of the above-noted situation.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please telephone me at 609-443-2499.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "W. K. Weddendorf". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

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cc: F.D. Hale - OB&G
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